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Dear Joshua:


I was delighted to learn that you will be able to give a Mueller Memorial Lecture next fall. We've just had the series inaugurated by a very effective and appropriate talk by van Heyningen from Oxford.

I'm perfectly agreeable to postponing the exact scheduling until the end of the summer. If possible I would like to arrange it for early October, when the students in our course will just have finished microbial metabolism and genetics. If this won't work out, however, we could have it any time during the rest of the course. I would not want to postpone it beyond January since the students would then be tied up in other courses. I might mention that Jacques Monod will be giving three Dunham lectures during the week of October 20. We would like to schedule an informal meeting of bacterial physiologists for the preceding or following week or weekend, and if that would interest you it might be better than early October.

I hope you have a nice trip to Europe. Liz and I were originally planning to go to Stockholm and Vienna, but we finally decided against it. She is scheduled to deliver in September, and we've just moved into a large house which could stand a fair amount of work. I'm therefore planning to teach again in the Physiology Course at Woods Hole from mid-June until late July, and then come back for the rest of the summer. Incidentally, we have lots of room in our new home, and would love to have you and Esther stay with us on your way to or from Europe - or any other time.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

  
Bernard D. Davis

P.S. Thanks for the manuscript on "Moondust", which I have forwarded to Dr. Menzel. I'm afraid I still can't believe that reality has any connection with speculations about return trips to outer space.